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29**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**METHOD TO DIFFRACT AND ATTENUATE AN OPTICAL SIGNAL**

and invented by:

Randy Wickman

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01/10/02If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:☒ **Continuation** ☐ **Divisional** ☐ **Continuation-in-part (CIP)** of prior application No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed are:

**Application Elements**

1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 13 pages and including the following:
  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications *(if applicable)*
  - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development *(if applicable)*
  - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix *(if applicable)*
  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings *(if drawings filed)*
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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## Application Elements (Continued)

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
- a. ☒ Formal      b. ☐ Informal      Number of Sheets 5
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)      ☒ Unexecuted
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney      ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche
7. ☐ Genetic Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)
- a. ☐ Paper Copy
- b. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

## Accompanying Application Parts

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents)
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449      ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Acknowledgment postcard
14. ☒ Certificate of Mailing
- ☐ First Class      ☒ Express Mail (Specify Label No.): EL854695974US

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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_
17. ☐ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below):*

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18. ☐ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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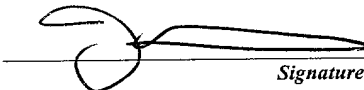
## Fee Calculation and Transmittal

### CLAIMS AS FILED

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	14	- 20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	2	- 3 =	0	x \$42.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
BASIC FEE					\$370.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose)					\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$370.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$370.00** to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. **23-0920** as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ as filing fee.
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## Complete if Known

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First Named Inventor

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- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required  
Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR § 1.27

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

- ☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money  
Order ☐ Other

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

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101 740 201 370 Utility filing fee

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106 330 206 165 Design filing fee

107 510 207 255 Plant filing fee

108 740 208 370 Reissue filing fee

114 160 214 80 Provisional filing fee

SUBTOTAL (1)

\$370.00

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra Claims Fee from below Fee Paid

Total Claims 14 -20\*\* = 0 X = 0.00

Independent Claims 2 - 3\*\* = 0 X = 0.00

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103 18 203 9 Claims in excess of 20

102 84 202 42 Independent claims in excess of 3

104 280 204 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid

109 84 209 42 \*\* Reissue independent claims  
over original patent

110 18 210 9 \*\* Reissue claims in excess of 20  
and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2)

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105 130 205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath

127 50 227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover  
sheet

139 130 139 130 Non - English specification

147 2,520 147 2,520 For filing a request for *ex parte* reexamination

112 920\* 112 920\* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner  
action

113 1,840\* 113 1,840\* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner  
action

115 110 215 55 Extension for reply within first month

116 400 216 200 Extension for reply within second month

117 920 217 460 Extension for reply within third month

118 1,440 218 720 Extension for reply within fourth month

128 1,960 228 980 Extension for reply within fifth month

119 320 219 160 Notice of Appeal

120 320 220 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal

121 280 221 140 Request for oral hearing

138 1,510 138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding

140 110 240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable

141 1,280 241 640 Petition to revive - unintentional

142 1,280 242 640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)

143 460 243 230 Design issue fee

144 620 244 310 Plant issue fee

122 130 122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner

123 50 123 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(q)

126 180 126 180 Submission of Information Disclosure  
Statement

581 40 581 40 Recording each patent assignment per property  
(times number of properties)

146 740 246 370 Filing a submission after final rejection  
(37 CFR § 1.129(a))

149 740 249 370 For each additional invention to be examined  
(37 CFR § 1.129(b))

179 740 279 370 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

169 900 169 900 Request for expedited examination  
of a design application

Other fee (specify)

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